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SUBJECT: TURKISH PPRESS REPORTS ON HOUSE EMBARGO ACTION

1. THE VOTE IN THE HOUSE TO LIFT THE EMBARGO RECEIVED FRONT
PAGE AND EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN ALL MAJOR TURKISH DAILY NEWSPAPERS,
AUGUST 2. THE VOTE, HOWEVER, TOOK PLACE TOO LATE IN THE DAY
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HERE FOR ANY EDITORIAL COMMENT OR EXTENSIVE REACTION STATEMENTS
OF POLITICAL LEADERS TO APPEAR IN PRINT. SIMILARLY, EMBASSY'S
IMPACT ON SUBSTANCE OF REPORTING WAS LIMITED BY FACT THAT MOST
ARTICLES WERE DATELINED WASHINGTON, ALTHOUGH SOME PAPERS DID
APPEAR TO MAKE USE OF EMBASSY HAND-OUT DESCRIBING THE CONFERENCE
PROCEDURES IN CONGRESS.

2. AS WITH BYRD AMENDMENT, NEWSPAPERS STRESSED THE "CONDITIONAL" LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO, NOTING THAT THE WRIGHT AMENDMENT REQUIRES THE PRESIDENT TO "GIVE EVIDENCE" THAT TURKEY IS ACTING IN GOOD FAITH IN THE SEARCH FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN CYPRUS. CONGRESSMAN WRIGHT IS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID THAT HIS AMENDMENT, "ONLY AUTHORIZES THE PRESIDENT TO LIFT THE EMBARGO IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET". SENSATIONALIST "GUNAYDIN" TOOK SPECIFICS THAT THE PRESIDENT MUST ADDRESS IN HIS CERTIFICATION TO CONGRESS AND LISTED THEM NUMERICALLY AS "CONDITIONS" THE WRIGHT AMENDMENT IMPOSES UPON TURKEY. MASS CIRCULATION "HURRIYET" HEADLINED, "EMBARGO LIFTED BY A HAIR'S BREADTH" AND GOES ON TO STATE THAT THE LIFTING IS CONDITIONAL ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL TURKISH FORCES FROM CYPRUS AND THAT TURKEY ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT DELAY.

3. MOST PAPERS DID, HOWEVER, CHARACTERIZE THE WRIGHT AMENDMENT AS A COMPROMISE WHICH WAS ADOPTED INSTEAD OF SEVERAL "ANTI-TURKISH" AMENDMENTS SPECIFICALLY CITING THOSE BY REPRESENTATIVES FASCELL AND EMERY. CONSERVATIVE "TERCUMAN" WROTE THAT "THE AMENDMENTS OF THE GREEK LOBBY WERE NOT EVEN CONSIDERED." REPRESENTATIVE SOLARZ WAS TOASTED BY "GUNAYDIN" AS THE HERO OF THE HOUR FOR HIS STAND AGAINST THE EMBARGO. IN ADDITION, PRESS REPORTS DID NOTE THAT THERE WERE DIFFERENCES IN BOTH THE SENATE AND HOUSE VERSIONS OF THE EMBARGO AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE RESOLVED IN CONFERENCE COMMITTEE. LEFTIST "CUMHURIYET" STATED THAT THE FINAL VOTE ON THE EMBARGO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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